

If you are currently enrolled in Medicare or know someone who is, it is important to be aware that changes in coverage options are now possible through December 7, 2012. Every year during Open Enrollment (which this year runs October 15 to December 7), Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to review and make changes to their prescription drug coverage (Part D) for the upcoming year. Beneficiaries also have the opportunity to enroll or disenroll in a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C).

Medicare Part D plan providers are required to notify beneficiaries of any changes made to their plans for the upcoming year. If you received a notice from your drug plan, be sure to review the changes so that you can assess your options for 2013 during Open Enrollment. You don't want to be surprised in January if your plan no longer meets your needs.

You can choose from 32 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available this year in Nebraska. For beneficiaries wanting to learn more about their options, here are some helpful resources:

### **1. Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)**

Nebraska SHIIP is a free counseling service that provides information on Medicare and offers assistance with reviewing and enrolling in a prescription drug plan. Beneficiaries may contact SHIIP toll-free at 1-800-234-7119 or via the agency's website at: <http://www.doi.ne.gov/shiip/>.

### **2. Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder**

The Prescription Drug Plan Finder enables beneficiaries to review and compare the prescription drug programs available in their area by entering personalized information. This tool is available via Medicare's website at: <http://www.medicare.gov/MPDPF/home.asp>.

**3. If you have questions about Open Enrollment, you may contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit Medicare's website at: <http://www.medicare.gov>.**

My staff is also available to assist you at 402-438-1598 if you have any problems with your Medicare benefits.